

1 representative and reapportioned legislature should be able
2 to handle the initiation of amendments to the Constitution.
3 I think that it will be able to handle them with one
4 important exception, one area of important exception,
5 and that is the area of reform of the Legislative Branch
6 itself.

7 I believe we in this convention have done much from
8 the point of view of our own judgment in this place and in
9 this time to reform the Legislature to improve its pro-
10 cedures and to make it an effective branch of the govern-
11 ment.

12 I think that all of us would confess, however,
13 that we may not have the last word in wisdom on what
14 the future structure of the Legislature should be. I
15 think the one thing that we can observe is that there is
16 probably no group of people in creation less likely
17 to reform themselves than the members of the Legislature
18 when the time for that reform has arrived, and it is for
19 this reason that it seems to me, and for this paramount
20 reason, that we should provide in the Constitution a
21 means external to the Legislature for the revision of that